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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: ASEC, PINS, CASC, CO  
SUBJECT: STARR KIDNAPPING

RER: STATE 208510

THE CONTINUED PRESENCE OF CONTROL RISK IN COLOMBIA SEEMS  
TO BE THE BEST INDICATION THAT THE GOC IS WILLING TO  
TOLERATE THEIR ACTIVITIES ON BEHALF OF KIDNAP VICTIMS  
(IN SPITE OF OFFICIAL GOC POLICY OF OPPOSING ANY CONTACTS).  
THE CONTROL RISK AGENTS WHO RAN AFOUL COLOMBIAN AUTHORITIES  
IN THE CURTIS CASE HAVE LONG SINCE DEPARTED THE COUNTRY,  
AND HAVE BEEN REPLACED BY A NEW TEAM WHICH, TO OUR  
KNOWLEDGE, HAS HAD NO SIMILAR DIFFICULTIES. ON THE  
CONTRARY, CONTROL RISK IS CREDITED WITH FOUR SUCCESS-  
FUL CASES SINCE CURTIS. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE,  
CONTROL RISK IS CURRENTLY ENGAGED IN SEEKING THE RELEASE  
OF NICOLAS ESCOBAR, PRESIDENT OF TEXACO-COLOMBIA.  
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